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LIQUID PAVEMENT MARKING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

On p. 1, line 6 please amend the specification as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/096,923 filed June 12, 1998 that claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/049,572, filed June 13, 1997.

Please cancel claims 1-36 and add claims 37-46 as follows:

1 3/1. A pavement marking comprising:

a binder having polyurea groups, wherein the binder is prepared from a coating composition comprising:

one or more aliphatic secondary amines;

one or more polyisocyanates;

material selected from the group consisting of fillers, extenders, pigments, and combinations thereof; and

reflective elements;

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wherein the coating composition has a minimum application temperature of at least about 7°C.

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reflective elements;

wherein the coating composition has a track time of no greater than about 5 minutes.

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reflective elements;

wherein the pavement marking has an open time of at least 30 seconds and a retained reflectivity of at least 100 mcd/m²/lux after at least 2 years in use as longitudinal traffic markings as measured according to ASTM E 1710-95.

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reflective elements:

wherein the coating has a minimum application temperature of at least about 7°C and a retained reflectivity of at least 100 mcd/m²/lux after at least 2 years in use as longitudinal traffic markings as measured according to ASTM E 1710-95.

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wherein the coating has a track time of no greater than about 5 minutes and a retained reflectivity of at least 100 mcd/m²/lux after at least 2 years in use as longitudinal traffic markings as measured according to ASTM E 1710-95.

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A pavement marking comprising:

a binder having polyurea groups, wherein the binder is prepared from a coating composition comprising:

one or more aliphatic secondary amines comprising an aspartic ester amine; one or more polyisocyanates;

material selected from the group consisting of fillers, extenders, pigments, and combinations thereof; and

reflective elements;

wherein a retained reflectivity of at least 100 mcd/m²/lux after at least 2 years in use as longitudinal traffic markings as measured according to ASTM E 1710-95.

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material selected from the group consisting of fillers, extenders, pigments, and combinations thereof; and

reflective elements,

wherein the coating has a minimum application temperature of at least about 7°C.

A pavement marking comprising:

a binder having polyurea groups, wherein the binder is prepared from a coating composition comprising

one or more aliphatic secondary amines comprising an aspartic ester amine;



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reflective elements;

wherein the coating has a track time of no greater than about 5 minutes.

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